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St. Paul man sentenced for distributing methamphetamine

A 37-year-old St. Paul man was sentenced earlier today in federal court for distributing methamphetamine in 2008. In St. Paul, United States District Court Judge Donovan Frank sentenced Dennis Patrick Decarlo, of St. Paul, to 120 months in prison on one count of conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. Decarlo and two co-defendants were indicted on December 9, 2008. Decarlo pleaded guilty on April 1, 2009. His co-defendants pleaded guilty in February of this year.

In their plea agreements, all three men admitted possessing and distributing methamphetamine. Decarlo admitted possessing and distributing between 500 and 1,500 grams of the drug from May 1 to September 23, 2008. Johnson admitted possessing and distributing between 50 and 200 grams of the drug from May 1 to September 23, 2008. And, Martinez admitted possessing and distributing between 500 and 1,500 grams of the drug from January 1, 2005, to December 8, 2008.

On June 18, 2009, Judge Frank sentenced Daniel Charles Johnson, age 32, of St. Paul, to 24 months in prison on one count of conspiracy; and on December 18, 2009, Judge Frank sentenced Elio Serra Martinez, age 49, of Woodbury, to 76 months in prison on one count of conspiracy.

This case was the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Christian S. Wilton.